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## PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH COMPARED.

COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES, JUNE AND JULY, 1921, AND JULY AND YEAR, 1920, AND FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1919, 1920, AND 1921.

The accompanying tables are printed from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for August, 1921. They present the mortality data of the industrial department of the company for June and July, 1921, and July and year, 1920, and also the death rates for principal causes among white and colored policyholders, respectively, for the first six months of the year 1921 as compared with the same periods of 1920 and 1919.

The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000 insured persons.

It is stated that the death rate for July, 1921 (7.7 per 1,000 industrial policyholders), is the lowest on record for the company, with the single exception of that for August, 1919, with a rate of 7.6.

*Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 lives exposed, for principal causes, June and July, 1921, and for July and year 1920.*

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.			
	July, 1921.	June, 1921.	July, 1920.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes.....	768.5	922.2	823.0	989.4
Typhoid fever.....	7.2	5.3	5.6	6.7
Measles.....	2.9	3.1	7.5	8.5
Scarlet fever.....	4.6	8.0	2.7	6.0
Whooping cough.....	3.5	3.9	4.8	6.6
Diphtheria.....	13.0	19.8	12.5	22.1
Influenza.....	2.6	4.2	8.3	53.5
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	106.3	134.3	133.7	137.9
Cancer.....	68.1	77.4	68.4	69.8
Meningitis (all forms).....	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.2
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	51.1	58.9	48.7	61.3
Organic diseases of heart.....	98.8	120.4	101.6	117.0
Pneumonia (all forms).....	28.1	55.1	34.3	106.1
Other respiratory diseases.....	8.8	13.9	11.5	18.2
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	20.7	13.6	18.2	15.8
Bright's disease.....	58.4	72.6	64.3	70.8
Puerperal state.....	16.4	20.9	19.5	23.0
Suicides.....	6.9	7.8	6.1	6.1
Homicides.....	6.2	7.6	5.4	5.8
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	75.3	67.0	73.6	60.1
Traumatism by automobile.....	10.4	13.9	13.6	11.1
All other causes.....	184.4	222.8	190.6	188.9

*Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 persons exposed, for principal causes, compared by color, for first six months of 1919, 1920, and 1921.*

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 persons exposed.					
	White.			Colored.		
	January- June, 1921.	January- June, 1920.	January- June, 1919.	January- June, 1921.	January- June, 1920.	January- June, 1919.
Total, all causes.....	850.8	1,115.0	1,208.2	1,363.8	1,744.9	1,799.4
Typhoid fever.....	3.7	4.3	4.4	6.8	8.0	11.0
Measles.....	5.3	14.7	4.9	2.5	5.6	3.1
Scarlet fever.....	10.0	8.1	4.8	3.5	.5	.4
Whooping cough.....	4.6	7.9	3.3	7.6	9.7	2.1
Diphtheria and croup.....	25.7	25.1	20.9	6.0	6.3	6.4
Influenza.....	10.8	96.0	177.0	23.7	149.5	217.3
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	107.2	136.6	150.1	278.0	319.3	329.6
Tuberculosis of lungs.....	96.4	123.2	136.2	253.2	292.9	300.9
Tuberculous meningitis.....	5.4	6.7	6.9	6.3	6.8	10.6
Other forms of tuberculosis.....	5.3	6.8	7.0	18.5	19.6	18.0
Meningitis (total).....	5.3	6.9	8.3	5.4	9.4	6.2
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	4.2	5.7	6.7	4.4	7.9	5.7
Cerebral hemorrhage, apoplexy.....	59.1	64.6	58.7	90.0	93.8	93.4
Organic diseases of heart.....	116.5	130.4	121.0	173.8	192.6	184.4
Total respiratory diseases.....	99.5	186.9	201.4	156.7	298.5	312.9
Bronchitis.....	6.5	11.7	10.7	12.4	14.6	13.3
Broncho-pneumonia.....	30.1	54.8	53.6	39.0	63.2	64.3
Pneumonia, lobar and undefined.....	54.2	107.5	127.0	92.9	205.0	219.5
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	8.7	12.9	10.1	12.4	15.7	15.8
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	10.4	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.5	15.2
Under 2 years.....	3.9	4.7	5.0	2.4	3.6	3.8
2 years and over.....	6.5	6.1	5.8	8.4	6.9	11.5
Nephritis and Bright's disease.....	71.3	81.5	80.0	124.2	139.9	138.0
Total puerperal state.....	20.7	26.1	23.2	29.1	34.2	25.9
Puerperal septicemia.....	9.7	8.3	6.5	12.9	13.7	11.0
Puerperal albuminuria and convulsions.....	4.5	4.7	4.8	7.3	7.1	4.5
Other diseases of puerperal state.....	6.5	13.1	11.8	8.9	13.4	10.3
Total external causes <sup>1</sup> .....	61.8	63.0	101.6	92.5	87.0	113.5
Suicides.....	7.7	6.2	7.8	5.3	4.1	4.9
Homicides.....	3.5	3.1	3.7	26.1	20.2	29.6
Accidental and unspecified violence <sup>2</sup> .....	50.4	53.1	59.2	61.0	62.3	65.0
Accidental drowning.....	5.9	4.2	( <sup>3</sup> )	6.0	5.3	( <sup>3</sup> )
Automobile accidents.....	10.6	8.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	8.1	4.4	( <sup>3</sup> )
War deaths.....	.2	.7	30.9	.1	.4	14.0
All other and ill-defined causes of death.....	238.9	251.9	237.7	353.2	380.0	339.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes "war deaths."

<sup>2</sup> Excludes "war deaths."

<sup>3</sup> Data unavailable.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED SEPT. 10, 1921.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Sept. 10, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the Weekly Health Index, Sept. 13, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

	Week ended Sept. 10, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47, 554, 690	44, 495, 470
Number of death claims.....	6, 710	5, 994
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	7.4	7.0